

## **Report of Accomplishments**

**Fiscal Year 2005**

**Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District**

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**Counties Served Bannock**

**Legislative District(s) 29, 30**



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### **Function or Conservation District Mission**

- To coordinate technical, financial, and educational assistance for responsible natural resources management that conserves and improves air, soil and water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

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### **Natural Resource Improvements Summary**

- Upper Rapid Creek 319 Project in accordance with TMDL implementation plan.
- 11 EQIP applications for Bannock County were submitted.
- 13 EQIP contracts were completed for Bannock County.
- 3,480 feet of 4 wire exclusion fence.

To the right is a water facility, funded with the 319 grant, to assist with water quality management.



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### **Conservation District Priority #1 Water Quality**

- Upper Rapid Creek 319 Project in accordance with Portneuf TMDL implementation plan.
- 509 feet of willows planted for riparian restoration and stream bank stabilization.
- 1 acre of critical area planting.
- 7 acres of use exclusion (fencing critical areas to protect)
- Five producers were active in the Upper Rapid Creek 319 Project.
- 3 staff members were added to the commission to complete Water Quality analysis, 319 water sub basin work, and a riparian specialist.
- Provided clerical assistance to the Portneuf Watershed Advisory Group, for 12 months

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### **Conservation District Priority #2 District Operations**

- New staff was hired for the NRCS field office.
- Over 150 constituents visit the Pocatello office throughout the year to discuss and obtain assistance and funds.
- 400 CRP, active, contracts.
- Over 89,000 acres of land were placed in CRP with a payout of 3.5 million dollars.
- Supervisors and staff attended the annual IASCD Conference to receive training and information necessary to meet the needs of producers and carry out effective District programs.

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### **Conservation District Priority #3 Water Conservation and Soil Erosion**

- Implementation of one well.
- Implementation of one stock water facility.

- Grazing land with conservation applied to protect the resource base amount to 6,329 acres.
- Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District and NRCS wrote 15 conservation plans and applied 16 resulting in 4,339 acres planned and 8,126 acres applied.
- 578 acres of residue management, mulch till, were applied.
- Assisted producers in building sediment basins and 8,095 feet of terraces to reduce soil erosion. Reducing erosion by 4,896 tons.

### Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Maintained Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District website. <http://pswcd.org/>
- Wrote, designed, and printed two newsletters. These newsletters were sent to 600 constituents, as well as given at all activities Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District participated in.
- Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District participated in the North Bannock County Fair. The emphasis was conservation outreach. 5 days was spent at the fair and over 300 community members, both rural and urban constituents were reached.
- In conjunction with NRCS over 150 constituents have been serviced through Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District.
- Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District hired new office staff.
- Board member John McNabb won, and was presented by Governor Kempthorne, The Governor's award for his environmental stewardship.
- Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District co-sponsored Bannock County's Noxious Weed Tour where approximately 20 constituents participated in the tour.
- Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District participated in the Portneuf Watershed Advisory Group and provided clerical assistance for 10 meetings. These meetings were held in and around Bannock County where over 50 constituents were able to participate in the WAG.
- Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District participated in several different programs with Three Rivers RC&D, reaching an undetermined amount of constituents.
- Portneuf Soil and Water Conservation District hosted a tour at the Jim Guthrie ranch. Mr. Guthrie was selected as the Grassman of the year. Approximately 30 constituents attended this event.

**Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners** - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
County/City	District Operations	\$ 9,200.00
State	District Operations	\$ 17,033.55
USDA Farm Programs (inclusive)	Conservation	\$ 256,000.00
EPA/DEQ 319	Non-Point Source Pollution	\$ 8,805.00

### Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices

To the right is exclusion fencing, funded by the 319 grant, to assist with water quality improvements.

